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Milk Production in Pennsylvania Down 0.8 Percent in April

HARRISBURG, PA, May 20, 2011 - - - Milk production in Pennsylvania during April 2011 totaled 918 million pounds, 0.8 percent below last April's production of 925 million pounds, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA/NASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 543,000 head, no change from March 2011, but 2,000 more than April 2010.

Production per cow averaged 1,690 pounds in April, 20 pounds less than March's production per cow and 20 pounds less than April 2010's average of 1,710 pounds.

Milk production in the 23 states surveyed during April 2011 totaled 15.5 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from April 2010. March production, revised at 15.8 billion pounds, was up 2.4 percent from March 2010.

Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,834 pounds for April, 9 pounds above April 2010.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.43 million head, 97,000 head more than April 2010 and 8,000 more than March 2011.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			23 States		
		April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	April 2010	March 2011	April 2011
Milk Cows	Thous.	541	543	543	8,337	8,426	8,434
Milk Per Cow	Lbs.	1,710	1,710	1,690	1,825	1,870	1,834
Milk Production.....	Mil. Lbs.	925	929	918	15,213	15,757	15,468

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